

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE RECOVERY OF A
PRIMARY PASSWORD

1 A data processing system and method are disclosed for
2 remotely recovering a client computer system's primary
3 password. The primary password be correctly entered prior to
4 the client computer system becoming fully accessible to a
5 user. The client computer system is coupled to a server
6 computer system utilizing a network. Prior to the client
7 computer system completing a boot process, a user is prompted
8 to enter the primary password. An interrogative password
9 method is provided in response to an incorrect entry of the
10 primary password. The primary password is recoverable in
11 response to a successful execution of the interrogative
12 password method. The primary password is recoverable from the
13 server computer system by the client computer system prior to
14 said client computer system completing said boot process
15 utilizing the interrogative password method.